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Mr. R. J. Marony
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New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Marony:

Your special delivery letter dated 30 October 1952 arrived here during the temporary absence from Washington of General Smith.

I know he will understand the interest that caused you to write to him, and I hope you will appreciate the reasons for his policy of not engaging in correspondence on individual inquiries that are not related to his current duties as Director of Central Intelligence.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley J. Grogan
Assistant to the Director

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October 30, 1952

PERSONAL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

General Bedell Smith,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D. C.

My dear General Smith:-

The "New York Times" under date of October 28th quoted from a speech made by Senator McCarthy on the evening of October 27th, as follows:

"In Stevenson's biography - and here's something which I especially call to your attention - in Stevenson's biography on Page 73 we find that in the summer of 1943, this is his own biography, the summer of 1943 after Mussolini's government had fallen, Stevenson was given the task of formulating America's post-war policy in Italy.

On Page 75 we find the statement that his recommendations were followed in Italy. And Truman was before you in a crowd, in New York (thank you), New York on Columbus Day and he confirmed the fact that Stevenson was the man as would, he said, sowed the seeds for the immediate post-war policy in Italy.

Well, Gen. Bedell Smith, a fine American, in his testimony and in his book has told what that foreign policy established by Stevenson was - listen to this if you will - he says that foreign policy, here's his testimony, Page 35 and 37, he says that foreign policy was to "connive" to "connive" to bring Communists into the Italian Government and to bring the Italian Communist leader, Togliatti, back from Moscow. "

I hesitate to bring this matter to your attention but I am seriously disturbed about the implications which were made in the speech as quoted above and I am writing to you to ask if, as reported in the speech, the foreign policy referred to on pages 35 and 37 of your testimony was the policy referred to in Governor Stevenson's biography on Page 73?

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General Bedell Smith
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I would very much appreciate your reply and
for the purpose of making it I am enclosing herewith a stamped,
addressed envelope.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry S. Truman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Harry" on top, "S." in the middle, and "Truman" below it.